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July 18th, 1908.

Register & Receiver U. S. Land Office,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

We are sending you herewith a formal application for property occupied by this Board at Haines, Alaska, accompanied by notes and maps of Elias Rudd, U. S. Deputy Surveyor. I think you will find that the application is in form, and if not, we shall be glad to correct it in such particulars as you may direct. We hope, however, that you will find the same adequate for the purpose, and that very shortly a patent may be issued for this property.

Thanking you for as prompt action in this matter as is possible, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

(Enclosure)

O/S

OCT 23 1909

REV. A. F. MCLEAN
HAINES, ALASKA

C. L. THOMPSON.

REFER ✓ H.C.O.

Haines, Alaska.

Oct. 11th, 1909.

Rev. C. L. Thompson, D. D.,
New York.

Dear Brother;

I write to say that a party wishes to purchase the mission
ground for the purpose of railroad terminals etc. I think that the
time has come when a railroad will be projected from this point to
the Yukon as such a road would open up a vast territory of coal and
mineral deposits. I also believe it would be wise to sell the
mission grounds less twenty acres on the north side extending along
the Gov't road. This party wishes an option for one year and will
make a cash payment of \$500. and at the end of the year will pay cash
or arrange terms on the balance of price agreed upon.

If the Board of Home Missions desires to sell this ground
will you please set price and terms and write me at once and also
address a letter on the same subject to Mr. R. Webster Brown, 1415
4th Ave. West, Seattle, Wash.

Very truly,

A. F. McLean

P.S. If you think of disposing of above
grounds set price at \$15,000, they made
an offer of \$10,000, but I think \$15,000
could be secured, 20 acres will be
sufficient for mission use.

With best wishes,

A. F. McLean

November 4th, 1909.

Rev. A. F. McLean,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. McLean:-

Your letter of October 11th, addressed to Secretary Thompson, with regard to the desire of certain parties to purchase the mission ground for railroad terminals, etc., has been referred to this office for attention, all property matters of the kind being dealt with here.

Relative thereto let me say that as it has not been possible as yet for the Board to secure a patent from the Government, covering this land, any negotiations looking to its sale will have to be very carefully handled. Let me request, therefore, that should further inquiries be made, and should further negotiations be suggested to yourself, all inquirers be referred to this office. I think it would be well for you not to impart the information given above as to patents to any one, simply refer inquirers to this office.

We are writing today to Mr. R. Webster Brown, 1415 4th Avenue West, Seattle, Wash., making inquiries of him as to his desires in the matter, and we will keep you posted as the matter progresses.

Should the time come when it is necessary for you to get quick information to this office, you are at liberty to use the wires.

Very cordially yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

November 4th, 1909.

Mr. R. Webster Brown,

1415 - 4th avenue West,

Seattle, Wash.

My dear Sir:-

The Rev. A. F. McLean, this Board's missionary at Haines, Alaska, writes us that interests represented by yourself, are desirous of purchasing lands owned by this Board at Haines, Alaska, for railroad terminals, etc.

Before proceeding further with this matter might I ask that you will send to this office, at your earliest convenience, a definite statement as to just what the wishes and propositions of your Company may be. It might be well, in so doing, to refer us to parties of standing here in New York City.

Awaiting your word, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

Property file
Haines, Alaska
Northern Exploration and Development Company

GENERAL OFFICE
ROOMS 201-203 PIONEER BUILDING
SEATTLE, WASH.

November
Twenty-seventh,
1909.

*Not in position to
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value of C.*
Mr. Harvey C. Olin,
156 Fifth Ave.,

New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst. addressed to Mr. Webster Brown has been referred to me, and in reply thereto I beg to state that it is intended to construct a railway from Haines Mission or Pyramid Harbor into British Columbia and Alaska, but nothing has been done yet excepting the preliminary survey and no financial arrangement has been made up to this time for the construction of the line, and therefore, it is uncertain whether this line will actually be built or not.

Two points have been suggested as the best points for terminals, one on Pyramid Harbor and the other on Lynn Canal at the Mission owned by your Board.

Mr. Webster Brown informs me that you have approximately 240 acres there and that the Rev. McLean has suggested that it would be advisable for you to sell. If this is so, I would be glad to know what price you would accept for this land on the basis of an option for one year, for which option I would be willing to pay you the sum of \$500.00. This \$500.00 to be applied upon the purchase price provided the option should be exercised, while if the option should

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not be exercised the \$500.00 would go to your Board for the option.

Awaiting you early reply, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

John Basene

December 2nd, 1909.

Mr. John Rosene,

President Northern Exploration & Development Co.,
Pioneer Building, Seattle, Wash.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 27th ult., in reply to a letter addressed to Mr. Webster Brown of your city, dated the 4th of November, both with regard to the Haines Mission property owned by this Board, is at hand.

In reply I beg to say that your proposition will be laid before the Finance Committee of our Board at its next meeting, which occurs on the 15th inst. Thereafter an immediate reply will be made to your communication.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

Property File
Haines, Alaska

December 16th, 1909.

John Rosene, Esq.,
President Northern Exploration
& Development Company,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Sir:-

Referring once more to your favor of November 27th, I beg to say that your request for an option of one year upon the property of this Board at Haines Mission, was carefully considered by our Finance Committee today.

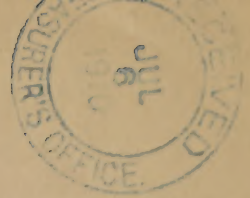
I am now directed to say that, for the immediate present, the Board is not in position to issue an option upon this property. A little later, however, we shall be glad to take up the negotiations again. Meantime, we shall be glad to hear from you again relative to the matter.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

John H. Hartman
Attorney
BURKE BUILDING.
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.



June 30th, 1910.

Mr. Henry C. Olin, Treasurer,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

My dear Mr. Olin:-

Your letter of Nov. 4th to Webster Brown of this city concerning certain lands belonging to the Home Board at Haines Mission has finally found itself on my desk.

I am leaving tonight for the East, and will be in New York the week commencing with July 11th, and will want to see you about the matter.

Please give my best regards to Dr. Thompson.

Yours very truly,

John H. Hartman

C O P Y

November 1st, 1912.

Hon. Royal A. Gunnison,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 18th inst., enclosing patent for the Haines Mission site for 266.54 acres, recorded and all in order, is at hand. This is most gratifying, and we thank you for your endeavors in this behalf.

Now as to the matter of the squatters; Your suggestion is most important, and we agree with you that it would be advisable to make it clearly understood that we are the owners and that all squatters should be removed, or leases taken from them. First, however, I think we should have a report from yourself as to just what the situation is as to these squatters; Who they are, the extent of property upon which they are squatting, and any other particulars which we ought to have in order to a clear understanding of the situation. Perhaps it would be well if you would have a rough sketch of the property made, showing thereupon the location of our own buildings and the squatters' buildings, whatever they may have erected. With this data in hand we shall be able to deal with the situation intelligently I am sure.

We understand that very likely Haines, at no distant day, will be a very important railroad terminal. Any information you can give us upon the situation there we would greatly appreciate.

Awaiting your further word, I am

Very truly yours,

(Signed) H. C. Olin

Treasurer.

o/s

CODES:
BEDFORD-McNEIL
A. B. C.

ROYAL A. GUNNISON
JOHN B. MARSHALL

GUNNISON & MARSHALL

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

JUNEAU, ALASKA

C. L. THOMPSON

Nov. 18th, 1912.

Dr. H. C. Olin, Treas.,

Board of Home Missions,

156 Fifth Ave.,

New York.

In re: Haines Mission.

My dear sir:-

Your letter of Nov. 1st in reference to the matter of the squatters on the Boards' property at Haines came to hand on the 12th just as I was leaving for Skagway. It was my desire to get down to Haines after having finished my work at Skagway but I had no opportunity to do so. I am taking up the matter as suggested by you, with Mr. McLean, your representative at Haines, and as soon as I hear from him shall write you further.

In re RAILROAD TERMINAL: There has been a good deal of talk about Haines being the terminus of a railway. Nothing up to the present time has got past the promoters. It is possible that some day a railroad will start from Haines, but up to the present time there is nothing that warrants any consideration of the subject. I shall, however, be glad to keep you posted on the situation.

Yours truly,

GUNNISON & MARSHALL,

By Royal A. Gunnison

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ROYAL A. GUNNISON
JOHN B. MARSHALL

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

JUNEAU, ALASKA

Dec. 12. 1912.

Dr. H. C. Olin, Treas.,
Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

Agreeably to your request with reference to obtaining information as to squatters on the Board's property at Haines, I wrote to the Rev. Mr. McLean, who is the Missionary in charge. This letter was written about a month ago. I have had no reply whatever from him. I do not know whether he is in Haines or not, but think it strange that I have not heard. I shall, as soon as possible, take a run up to Haines and look into the matter.

I am writing this so that you will not feel that I am neglectful of the matter.

Yours truly,

GUNNISON & MARSHALL

Per 

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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

JUNEAU, ALASKA

Jany 3rd, 1913.



Dr. H. C. Clin, Treas.,
Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

In re: Haines Mission Tract.

Dear sir:-

I have a letter from Rev. Mr. McLean, who is in charge of the Mission at Haines, in reference to the above matter.

Mr. McLean writes that he has been informed by a letter from the Board, that a Surveyor is on his way to Haines, to make a plat of the Mission tract and he said that when that ~~was~~ done he will send me a copy of it. This, of course, delays the matter some, but I do not know that it will make any particular difference.

Yours very truly,

GUNNISON & MARSHALL

Per 

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O/S

January 20th, 1913.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 3rd inst., noting the receipt of a letter from Mr. McLean with regard to the Haines Mission tract, etc., is at hand this morning. In reply I beg to say that Mr. Walter B. Adams of this office, is now on his way to Alaska, with instructions to confer with Mr. McLean with regard to the tract at Haines, to secure a survey thereof, the location of the tract, of buildings, etc., and to report here. I have little doubt but that Mr. Adams will call upon you upon the same business, and shall be glad of any help you may be able to give him.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

To
Hon. Royal A. Gunnison,
Juneau, Alaska.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
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156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

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COPIED FOR MR. OLIN.

From the Report of the Rev. A. F. McLean, Haines, Alaska.
For the Quarter ending March 31, 1913.
Received April 5, 1913.

May 1913

"While Mr. Adams was here he looked over the manse which is much in need of repairs. A new foundation is needed, the roof is badly sagged, new floors are needed upstairs, the chimney needs attention, the building needs painting on the outside, and the interior needs papering. Some new doors are needed. I have not made an estimate of the cost but think it would require close to \$1000 to put the house in good repair."

[Faint handwritten notes and signatures are visible at the bottom of the page.]

Questions to be considered in
connection with Hain Land

Water in the region
in 1900

From the Lake -

By the river -



Haines, Alaska

Extract from report made by Mr. Adams on Haines Property.

"The manse at Haines on the contrary, is in very bad condition. It was built a great many years ago by ship carpenters, under the direction of Dr. Jackson, and they certainly did some queer construction work. At the present time the foundation of the house has rotted and settled to such an extent that no doors, windows or floors in the entire building are plumb. In the room which I occupied, the legs of the bed towards the middle of the room had to be blocked up an inch and a half to get the bed anywhere near level. On account of the poor foundation also, the house is quite unstable. I happened to be there during one or two high winds and noted rather uneasily the shaky condition of the building."

In addition to the above repairs, which are certainly necessary, Mr. McLean would like to have new floors laid in the second story. While these are not in any way necessary to safety, I would say that the present floors are in a very rough condition and certainly the wear and tear on the minister's floor coverings is very great.

It might be well also to build the main chimney clear to the ground. At present it is supported on uprights, which never seems a good hazard.

Roughly estimated, I should judge that \$550.00 to \$600.00 would make the manse livable.

A/H

W. J. C. Adams

Alaska Midland Railway Co.

General Offices, Pioneer Building
Seattle, Wash.

May 9, 1913.

Mr. Henry C. Olin,
Sec'y, Presbyterian Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

About two years ago our attorney, Mr. John P. Hartman, called on you in reference to the Mission Lands at Haines, Alaska, but after learning from you that the patent for these lands was still pending before the land office at Washington, and that any negotiations for these lands might adversely influence the government's decision in regard to patent, there was nothing further done.

When I was in New York some three or four months ago, it was my intention to call on you and discuss this matter with you, but I received a letter from Seattle stating that your auditor, Mr. Adam, was expected to come to Seattle for the purpose of consultation on this matter, and therefore I did not go to see you. After my return to Seattle I was advised that this gentleman had been to Haines but did not come to Seattle, or if he did so, he did not call at our office nor could our people locate him here.

Under the general land laws, this Company is entitled to 20 acres for station grounds and 40 acres for terminals at places like Haines, and I would like to know if you are willing to cede this land to us for these purposes without any legal proceedings. I feel that we are entitled to your kindest consideration in this matter for the reason that we have refrained from making any claims so as not to injure your chances in obtaining patents from the government for the Mission Lands.

In the fall of 1911 I had a short conversation with Rev. Mr. McLean at Haines, and he indicated to me at that time that he believed the Mission authorities would be willing to enter into negotiations with us for the sale of these lands except such portions as might be considered desirable to reserve for Mission purposes.

Since that time we have not been in a position to enter into definite negotiations on this subject, but I should now like to know if you are willing to sell these lands, and if so, at what price per acre, and how much do you desire to reserve

for Mission purposes.

We have surveyed for terminal purposes, another tract of land about two miles north of Haines, but it will undoubtedly be much better for Haines as a community if the first permanent terminals were located at Haines, and it is therefore that we would like to make such arrangements with you as are herein indicated.

Very truly yours,

JR:B

John Rose

May 15th, 1913.

Hon. Henry B. F. Macfarland,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Macfarland:-

May I bring to your attention a confidential legal matter with regard to our holdings of land at Haines, Alaska. The President of a projected railway company, desiring terminal facilities at that point, writes us as follows:

"Under the general land laws this company is entitled to twenty acres for station grounds and forty acres for terminals at places like Haines, and I would like to know if you are willing to cede this land to us for these purposes without any legal proceedings? I feel that we are entitled to your kindest consideration in this matter for the reason that we have refrained from making any claims so as not to injure your chances in obtaining patents from the Government for mission lands."

Will you kindly give us your opinion as to the correctness of the statement above quoted?

With thanks, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

May 15th, 1913.

Hon. Royal A. Gunnison,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

Some inquiries have come to us relative to our lands at Haines, Alaska, notably the inquiry of a railway company looking to that location for terminal facilities. In his letter the President of this railway company says:

"Under the general land laws this company is entitled to twenty acres for station grounds and forty acres for terminals at places like Haines, and I would like to know if you are willing to cede this land to us for these purposes without any legal proceedings? I feel that we are entitled to your kindest consideration in this matter for the reason that we have refrained from making any claims so as not to injure your chances in obtaining patents from the Government for mission lands."

Will you be kind enough to write me, at your earliest convenience as to the rights of railroad companies under these circumstances, and as to whether this gentleman is correct in his statements? Further, have you such knowledge of properties at Haines that you could give us some idea as to what such facilities as are desired by this company would be worth per acre?

I shall be glad to have reply to this letter, certainly by the first to fifth of June, if at all possible, and shall be greatly obliged if the matter may be treated as entirely confidential.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

May 15th, 1913.

Rev. A. F. McLean,

Haines, Alaska.

My dear Mr. McLean:-

Some inquiries are coming to this office relative to the property at Haines, among others a railroad company is making some inquiries relative to terminal facilities. May I ask whether ~~we~~ *you* *will* sell, and if so, at what price per acre?

Will you be kind enough, at your earliest convenience, to let me know as to what the estimated value of that land is considered to be at Haines. I shall be glad of an answer to this letter, if possible, by the first to the fifth of June, as we desire to make answer to some inquiries.

I do not need to say, I am sure, that this matter should be kept as strictly confidential.

Thanking you for a reply at your earliest convenience, I am

Very cordially yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

May 15th, 1913.

John Rosene, Esq.,

Alaska Midland Railway Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 9th instant, with reference to the real estate holdings of this Board at Haines, Alaska, and the desire of your Company to secure thereon certain terminal facilities, is at hand.

In reply thereto let me say that the next meeting of this Board does not take place until the 29th of May, and certainly not until a meeting of the Board could a definite answer be given you as to this matter. I will, however, take pains to bring the same to the attention of our Finance Committee and Board at that time, and will very shortly thereafter give you such answer as I may be directed to do.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

May 15th, 1913.

Hon. Royal A. Gummison,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

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Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

TUCKER, KENYON & MACFARLAND

*Evans Building
Washington, D.C.*

May 19, 1913.

Mr. H. C. Olin,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Olin:-

On my return from Cincinnati, I find your note of May 15th, 1913, about the land at Haines, Alaska.

In reply I would say that if you have already received a patent from the government for your holding of land at Haines, Alaska, I do not see how it can be taken away from you by the railroad company or anybody else unless there was some mistake in issuing the patent. Can you give me a little more information as to when the patent was issued and under what circumstances, and I might then inquire as to the validity of the patent.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. B. Macfarland

W/M.

Received - May 20, 1913

May 20th, 1913.

Mr. Henry B. F. MacFarland,

Evans Building,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 19th instant, with reference to the land matter at Haines, Alaska, came to hand this morning.

Replying to your question, I would say that the patent we hold, is dated September 16th, 1912, and was secured and forwarded to us by our attorney, Royal A. Gunnison, of Juneau, Alaska. If you need further information, if you will let us know what it is, we will try to furnish it.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

S/T

Alaska Midland Railway Co.

General Offices, Pioneer Building
Seattle, Wash.



May 20, 1913.

H. C. Olin, Esq.,
Treas. Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor under date of the 15th inst wherein I note that the next meeting of your Board will be on the 29th of this month, and that I may expect to have the pleasure of hearing from you regarding the Haines land matter sometime thereafter.

I hope that when this information comes it will be favorable.

Very truly yours,

JR:B

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'John Rosene', is written over the typed name 'John Rosene'.

REV. A. F. McLEAN
HAINEES, ALASKA

May 20th, 1913.

Mr. H. C. Olin,
New York.

Dear Brother;-

A few days ago, Mr. Rosene who represents the Alaska Midland R. R. Co., approached me with reference to obtaining an option on the Mission grounds for R. R. and townsite purposes. He said that his father had written you with reference to the matter and he wished me to ascertain from you just what kind of a proposition you were willing to submit. Of course we would have to retain five or ten acres for Mission purposes. Please inform me regarding the matter. I should also like to know what the Board recommends about the plot of land surveyed during Mr. Adams' visit for an A. B. cemetery.

With best wishes,

A. F. McLean.

CHARLES COWLES TUCKER
REPORTER COURT OF APPEALS, D. C.
J. MILLER KENYON
HENRY B. F. MACFARLAND
EDWARD S. BAILEY,
HORACE G. MACFARLAND
CHARLES T. TITTMANN
J. DANN FABER

LAW OFFICES
1420 NEW YORK AVE.
TELEPHONES, MAIN 253 AND 254

TUCKER, KENYON & MACFARLAND
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 21, 1913.

Mr. H. C. Olin,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

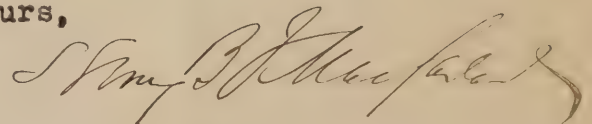
My dear Mr. Olin:-

The only question I have in my mind as to the patent, the date of which you sent me, would be solved by the text of the patent itself. Could you have it copied for me? The point is there might possibly be some words of exception in it which would warrant a claim by someone, although I do not think that can possibly be the case.

It seems to me in view of the date of the patent that the railroad company wrote thinking you did not have a patent and that it could persuade you to part with the property. On the face of the facts, no one could take that property away from you.

Sincerely yours,

M/MM.



May 22nd, 1913.

Henry B. F. Macfarland, Esq.,
1420 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant, which came to hand this morning, I beg to enclose herewith copy of the Patent to the Haines property, which you request.

Trusting this will serve your purpose, and standing ready to furnish you with all the information we have in hand,

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

(Enclosure)

CHARLES COWLES TUCKER
REPORTER COURT OF APPEALS, D. C.
J. MILLER KENYON
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LAW OFFICES
1420 NEW YORK AVE.
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TUCKER, KENYON & MACFARLAND
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 23, 1913.

Mr. H. C. Olin,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

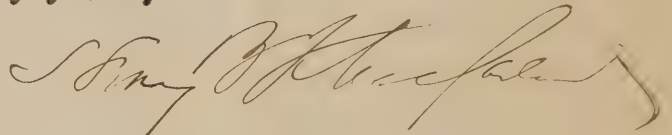
Dear Mr. Olin:-

Thank you for your note and the enclosed copy of the patent which I have kept for the present. I see nothing in its terms to change my opinion that your title to the land in question is indefeasible.

I can only assume that the railroad company you spoke of assumed that you had no patent and was trying to take advantage of that fact.

Sincerely yours,

M/MM.



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CODES:
BEDFORD-MCNEIL
A. B. C.

ROYAL A. GUNNISON
RALPH E. ROBERTSON

GUNNISON & ROBERTSON

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

JUNEAU, ALASKA

May 29, 1913.

Dr. H C Olin,
Treasurer, Home Missions
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My Dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 15th which came to hand on the 24th. I note what you say with reference to the request of the railroad company, looking at your property at Haines for terminal facilities.

I have read with care the quotation from the letter of the President of this railroad company; I think he rather over states the rights of the company. A railroad corporation under Section 2 of the Act of June 6, 1900, found in 31 Statutes at Large, 658 or Federal Statutes Annotated, page 45, has

"the right to take for railroad uses subject to the reservation of all mineral and coal therein, PUBLIC LANDS adjacent to said right of way for station buildings, depots, machine shops, side tracks, turn-outs, water stations and terminals, and other legitimate railroad purposes, not to exceed in amount twenty acres for each station, to the extent of one station for each ten miles of its road; except at terminals and junction points, which may include additional forty acres".

private You will observe that this right exists only on Public Land. To be sure a railroad has the right to condemn ~~public~~ *private* land, but when they do this, they are obliged to pay the value of the property taken. Condemnation proceedings are authorized in Alaska by Chapter 22, Part 5 of the Alaska Code.

It is of course, possible under that Statute, that a railroad would have the right to condemn ~~public~~ *private* property for terminal facilities though it would be a stretch of the terms of that Act. In considering this matter, you will however, bear in mind that the Board now holds this property in fee. It has been segregated from the public land; the United States has conveyed the title to the Board, so that under the General Land Law, the railroad company is entitled to nothing from you.

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Their right would have to come under some other law.

As a matter of fact, a railroad company of which I am not advised, managed by its claims and statements made by certain of its representatives and letters written by certain of its officials, ^{to} befogged the situation when we were after a Patent to the extent that it was questionable for a time whether the Special Agent would recommend the issuance of the patent. There was quite a period while he had the matter under consideration, that I was apprehensive lest the railroad matter would complicate the situation. You remember I wrote you in reference to it. Whether or not it is the railroad of which I wrote or the latter referred to in yours of the 15th was President, I do not know.

You asked me to give you some idea as to what such facilities ~~are~~ ^{with} desired by this company at Haines would be worth per acre. I regret to say that I am unable to answer that with any degree of definiteness. Under present conditions, land is not of much value in the town of Haines, as an acre of land even situated as admirably for residential, business or other purposes as that belonging to the Mission, would not bring a very large price at the present time. If however, the railroad should become a reality and actual work should commence on it, the land values in Haines would immediately jump to two, three and four times and even more than what they are at present.

If the railroad is to come down the Chilcat River, that property owned by the Mission is the most admirably situated on harbor and for freight yards and other purposes. If on the other hand, it is to come down the Chilcoot, some five or six miles away, which I think will be doubtful, the land at the farther extremity of the basin probably would be the best for the railroad. I understand both plans are under consideration. Certainly if the railroad is coming down the Chilcat and wants your property, they should pay well for it, what that would be in actual figures, I hesitate to say, but the Board should bear in mind that they have the choicest piece of ground at Haines for many reasons and they should not let it go without they are well

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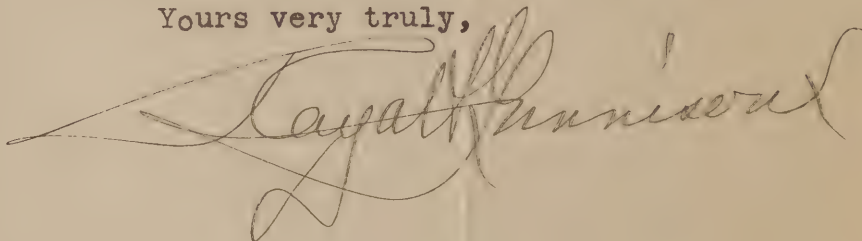
paid for it as it would be difficult, or rather impossible to duplicate it in the vicinity of Haines on Public Domain, or anywhere else in that vicinity for that matter.

You may rest assured the matter will be treated entirely as confidential.

In thinking of this matter further, the request of the gentleman, that you cede this land to the railroad company strikes me as particularly worthy of consideration as it shows the idea of the railroad is to get something for nothing. Under no circumstances would I advise the Board to cede anything.

Would you mind telling me in confidence either who the gentleman is who is at the head of the railroad or what the railroad company is that is desiring this. I would like this information in order that I might be able size the ^{good faith} ~~same~~ of the railroad up. If you think it improper to do so however, please disregard this request.

Yours very truly,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Layall Munroe". The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping strokes.

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Extract from letter of Rev. A. F. McLean, Haines, Alaska,
dated May 30th, 1913.

With reference to the price of land. We made the Arctic Brotherhood a price of \$25.00 per acre on a plot of ground for a cemetery. Will you please let me know what decision the Board has come to on their application.

Lots in town on the business street are worth \$700.00 or over, according to location. On the Roseau matter of an option for R.R. terminals I think that not less than \$25,000. would be the value. In fact I think that thirty-five to fifty thousand would not be too high for such purposes.

June 2nd, 1913.

Rev. A. F. McLean,

Haines, Alaska.

My dear Mr. McLean:-

Your letter of the 20th ultimo, with regard to a call of the representative of Mr. Rosene, representing the Alaska Midland Railroad Company, with reference to obtaining an option on mission grounds at Haines, is at hand.

In reply thereto let me say that this matter has been under consideration by the Finance Committee of our Board upon a letter from Mr. Rosene, and I am instructed to write direct to him. To all inquiries we desire that reply should be made that correspondence should be had direct with this office. We shall write Mr. Rosene, the President of the Alaska Midland very shortly, giving him the mind of the Finance Committee.

With regard to the recommendations growing out of the survey of Mr. Adams, that is a matter which we have not as yet thoroughly considered. We shall do so very shortly however.

Trusting that nothing will be done at the Haines end of the line, and nothing said to ~~any~~ in any way compromise the Board in the matter of this land holding, and calling attention to the absolute importance of referring all inquiries, without further comment, to this office, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

June 3rd, 1913.

Hon. James Wickersham,

Delegate from Alaska in Congress,

House Office No. 169, Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

As doubtless you are aware, this Board has, for more than thirty years, conducted missionary and mission school work at various points in Alaska. Under the land laws governing in such cases, we have secured patents to the lands which previously we had occupied by possessory right. Concerning one of these points where the Board has a considerable acreage, a Railroad Company has opened negotiations with us looking to the acquirement of certain of our lands for station grounds and terminals, suggesting in their application, that under the General Land Laws, their Company was entitled to twenty acres for station grounds and forty acres for terminals at the place indicated, and desiring to know if we were willing to cede this amount to the Company for this purpose without any legal proceedings.

May I ask for our information and guidance, just what are the laws governing in a situation like this, so far as lands in Alaska are concerned. Any other facts or suggestions which you may be able to bring to our attention we shall be very grateful for.

Let me say that I am writing to you, not only as the Alaskan delegate in Congress, but at the suggestion of the Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D., who has for so long a time been prominently connected with the work of this Board in Alaska.

Thanking you in advance for your suggestions and information in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

June 3rd, 1913.

Mr. John Rosene,

President Alaska Midland Railway,

Seattle, Wash.

My dear Sir:-

Referring once more to your favor of May 9th, in which is expressed the desire of your Company to secure some portions of the land owned by this Board at Haines for station grounds and terminals, I beg to say that this matter has been very carefully considered by the officers of this Board and by our Finance Committee.

I have now to say, upon the authority of the Finance Committee, that for the present at least, this Board is not ready to enter into negotiations for the disposition of any of its holdings at Haines Mission. We have, as of course you are aware, our patent to this property, received some months since from the Government. While appreciating the motive which led you to cease negotiations for this property until our patents had been received, we cannot yet concede that such action in any way affected the securing of the patent by this Board. Under the law of June, 1900, this Board was entitled to a patent to this property, owing to its occupancy rights for so many years and the amount of money expended upon the general mission work at Haines and at other points in Alaska. The delay in actually issuing this patent was owing to the circumlocution methods adopted by the Department.

Any correspondence or further negotiations with regard to this property kindly address to this office and not to any other agent of this Board.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

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June 9, 1913.

Dr H C Olin,
c/o Board of Home Missions,
156- Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My Dear Dr Olin:

On Saturday I telegraphed you from Skagway, suggesting that the Board defer disposition of the Mission property at Haines until receipt of a letter from me. This was rather an unusual course to pursue but since I had received your other letter some time earlier asking with reference to the rights of the railroad to take lands for terminals, I have been thinking about the matter considerable and on Friday and Saturday I had a talk with some people who are contemplating some extensive mining operations in the Rainey Hollow country back of Haines. As a matter of explanation on this, I might say that no mining operation in Rainey Hollow can ^{be} ~~help~~ be successful without a railroad to the coast. Rainey Hollow is about 50 miles back of Haines up to Chilcat River and the only terminal ground in the vicinity of Haines that is at all feasible are those occupied by the Mission. These gentlemen with whom I talked with reference to the question, asked me if I knew the

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attitud~~e~~ of the Board in reference to sale. I said that I did not, though I had understood from various sources that some rail-road company was endeavoring to get possession of the Mission property at Haines in an endeavor to corral the grounds for terminal facilities.

These gentlemen with whom I talked, represent a ^{large} syndicate. There is of course nothing certain as to what they will do. If ^{if} after an examination/they find the property in the Rainey Hollow country is what it is believed to be, I have reason to believe that they will recommend mining operations of some kind. It is certain that if these properties at Rainey Hollow actually are opened or taken over by someone who intends to operate, that a railroad will be built. It may be built by the party with whom I talked or it may be built by some one else; however, that may be it is fair to assume that if any persons who does not really intend to build a road should get hold of this ground, they could cause people, who in good faith want to build a road, a good deal of annoyance and trouble and I would suggest that for the time at least, you hold on to the Mission property. Inside of 60 or 70 days, I will know more definite what these gentlemen think

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of the country and I will let you know how the thing sizes up. In the meantime may I suggest that you refrain from either giving a contract to any one or selling the property. I am sure you will lose nothing by holding the property for a while as there must eventually be a railroad from Haines and the Mission property is the key-note to the terminal situation there.

I would appreciate it if you would indicate to me on receipt of this what your attitude is in the matter, and if you are inclined to hold the property as I request.

I do feel that if you do hold it up instead of losing anything thereby, you will be benefitting the Board, and that if these gentlemen go through with the proposition that they now have in mind, they will be in a position to and will treat the Board reasonable in the way of price and will not try to get something for nothing.

I have written you at length in order that you might know my reason for the telegram. I ask that you regard this matter of which I have written you as confidential. If it should be generally known that these gentlemen are contemplating extensive operations in the Rainey Hollow country, it would make it more difficult to get hold of some of the claims at a reasonable

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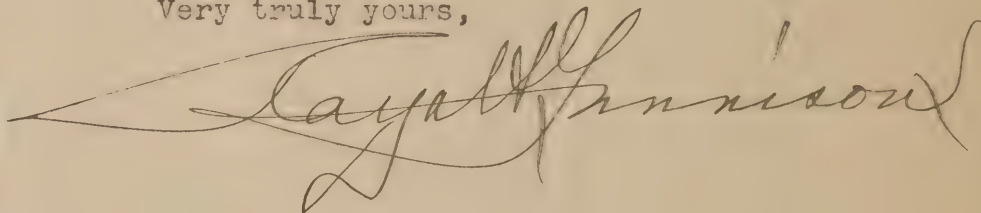
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figure. In talking with these men I did not in any way disclose the confidence which you made in your letter to me of recent date. In reference to this, it seems to be general knowledge about Haines, that somebody is trying to corral the Mission property for terminal purposes, so that these gentlemen were in possession of that rumor when I talked with them.

Very truly yours,

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Royal A. Gunnison". The signature is written over a horizontal line and has a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Alaska Midland Railway Co.

General Offices, Pioneer Building
Seattle, Wash.

June 9, 1913.

Mr. H. C. Olin,
Treasurer, Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor under date of the 3rd inst., contents of which I have carefully noted.

It is not my intention to lay before you and your Board any claims as to rights belonging to us from the fact that we refrained from continuing the negotiations with you for the Haines property and refrained from filing any maps or claims in reference thereto with the exception of the maps for the right of way of line. I simply called your attention to this, our action, to show our disposition of good will and friendliness toward your Board. There has never been any doubt in my mind but that your Board was entitled to patent for this property for the reasons that you yourself state.

It is, however, of importance to me to know whether or not I can expect to be able to make arrangements with your Board for the necessary lands for terminals at Haines. Furthermore, I have learned from perhaps not authentic sources, that your Board contemplates the sale of the land at Haines not necessary for the purposes of the Mission, and if that is so I would like to negotiate with your Board for the purchase of these lands and purchase them, provided we can agree upon terms and conditions.

I have no intention or desire in this matter except what I considered would be of as much good to your Board as to myself, and I shall not enter into any negotiations or correspondence on this matter with anyone outside of the Board and your good self.

Very truly yours,

John Rosene

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Committee on the Territories,
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 Washington, D. C.

June 11, 1913

Harvey C. Olin, Treasurer
 Board of Home Missions,
 156 Fifth Avenue,
 New York, N.Y.

My dear sir:

I have your letter of June 3d in which you say that at one point in Alaska where you have a station a railroad company demands twenty acres of the land for station grounds and forty acres for terminals, etc. and you ask me what the law is regarding the matter.

I send you this day a copy of the Compiled Laws of Alaska 1913 and call your attention to Chapter 4 thereof on page 95 and beginning at Sec. 47, which fixes the rights of railroads. Then your attention is directed to Title 4, Chapter 3, page 118 beginning at Sec. 93, which fixes the rights of your church and mission site. I do not know what particular locality you refer to but the general rule is this: that if your mission site was first established and your rights definitely determined the railroad company would have no right to come upon your land and take terminal grounds or anything else. Since your right to the mission site is fixed by a compliance with the law it becomes private property and can no more be taken away from you by the railway company than any other private property except by condemnation proceedings and payment under the law. This is all I can say to you without knowing more about the facts and what the railway company claims. Of course, if the railway company filed its map prior to the location of your mission site it might have a prior right to the land. Generally the rule is that whoever is first in time in acquiring the right is first in law. If there is anything further that I can do to be of service to you in this matter I shall be glad to do it.

Very truly yours,

James Wickersham
 Delegate from Alaska.



June 14th, 1913.

Mr. John Rosene,
President Alaska Midland Railway Co.,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 9th instant, addressed to Mr. Olin, came to hand this morning. Mr. Olin left the office last night to be gone about ten days on a business trip. Your letter will be placed in his hands upon his return, about the 26th instant.

Yours very truly,

For the Treasurer.

June 14th, 1913.

Hon. James Wickersham,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 11th instant, in reply to ours of the 3rd, came to hand this morning.

The copy of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, has also been received. We thank you very much for your kindness in this matter and will undoubtedly get the information we need from this volume.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

S/T

June 17th, 1913.

Royal A. Gunnison, Esq.,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 9th instant, with reference to the Haines property has just come to hand. Mr. Olin left the office the first of the week on a business trip to the west. He expects to return to the office about the 26th of the month and your letter will immediately be placed in his hands for attention.

I may say to you, however, that Mr. Olin wrote his correspondent that, for the present at least, the Board did not care to enter into any negotiations looking to a sale of the Haines property.

Yours very truly,

For the Treasurer.

June 26th, 1913.

Mr. Geo. W. Perkins,

71 Broadway, City.

My dear Mr. Perkins:-

In view of the discussion at the last meeting of the Finance Committee with regard to our property at Haines Mission, Alaska, and in view of your expressed opinion at that time that the Board would better, for the present at least, enter into no negotiations for the sale of any of that property, I beg to hand you herewith copies of letters received within the last few days from Judge Gunnison of Juneau, who has been acting as our attorney in Alaska for the securing of our patents, and from John Rosene, President of the Alaska Midland Railway Company. I am also enclosing copy of letter from Judge Wickersham, delegate in Congress from Alaska. For obvious reasons I did not inform Judge Wickersham as to the exact location of our property, but put to him merely the question as to our status under the patent received from the Government. Would you think it wise to write him more fully in view of the suggested inquiries in the latter part of his letter?

May I have any suggestions which you see fit to make in view of the suggestions as outlined in these letters.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

(Enclosures)

O/S

Geo. W. Perkins
71 Broadway
New York

June 27th, 1913.

Mr. H. C. Olin, Treasurer,
Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave., City.

My dear Mr. Olin:-

I have yours of the 26th. Yes, I think it would be wise to write him more fully in regard to the matter, and it would also be well, I think, to have some information from some other independent source, as it looks a little bit as though there might be reasons for thinking that the property had value from a mineral point of view.

Sincerely yours,

G. W. Perkins

Haines, Alaska

July 2nd, 1913.

Rev. A. F. McLean,

Haines, Alaska.

My dear Mr. McLean:-

Your letter dated May 30th, enclosing vouchers for Dr. Palmer, Mrs. Anderson, and requesting the forwarding of \$150.00 for the month of June on Haines Hospital account, came duly to hand some time ago. Answer thereto has been held, for the reason that, as you may remember, there was coupled with this letter some reply to a previous letter from this office with regard to the Haines Mission land, and that matter has been under consideration.

Further, Mr. Allaben is away just at present, and before Dr. Palmer's voucher and the request for expenses is forwarded, it will have to be approved by him. We are remitting Mrs. Anderson today.

We will write you a little later as to the voucher of Dr. Shadd and the June expenses.

Thank you for the information as to the price of the land. As to the sale to the Arctic Brotherhood, while our Finance Committee is favorable to that sale, yet for the present at least, and until some other matters are settled relative to this ground, it is not desired that definite answer shall be returned. We are not yet giving any options on the land for railroad terminals to any one, nor shall we at the present time. If, therefore, as previously written, you will refer all inquiries direct to this office, we shall be saved some complications doubtless.

Very cordially yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

Haines, Alaska

July 2nd, 1913.

Hon. James Wickersham,

Delegate from Alaska in Congress,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter dated June 11th, in response to a letter from this office, has already been acknowledged simply as to its receipt.

I beg now to make more formal acknowledgment, and to express again our thanks for your kindly answer to our inquiries, and for forwarding the Compiled Laws of Alaska for 1913.

The inquiry was with regard to the property of this Board at Haines, which we have occupied, as you may be aware, for over thirty years, and to which a Patent was issued during the past twelve months. Our right, however, has been recognized for very many years.

With this express information as to the location of the point under consideration, you may have some further suggestions to make which will be of value to us.

Might I ask whether you have any such information as to Haines as would enable you to give us some idea as to the probably worth of the land per acre; or, could you refer us to some one from whom we could secure this information, preferably some one who is not engaged in our work.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

O/S

July 11th, 1913.

Hon. Royal A. Gunnison,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

Your letters dated May 29th and June 9th, and the telegram of June 7th, were duly received. Before I could secure such advice from our Finance Committee as would have enabled me to answer more promptly, I was called to the west on a business trip, hence the delay in reply.

Taking up, first, your letter of the 29th of May, in which you give us so clearly the legal rights of the Boards and this property at Haines, of which I may say we had little doubt, I beg to say we are glad of your opinion to confirm our understanding of the situation.

We are glad also of the information you give us as to the conditions prevailing at Haines, and the prospects of a railroad coming into Haines desiring to use our property as its terminal.

The Railway Company seeking these facilities styles itself the Alaska Midland Railway Company, its President is John Rosene of Seattle, with whom we have had the correspondence alluded to. We have written Mr. Rosene that we understand thoroughly our rights in this matter, and that the Finance Committee of the Board is not ready to enter into negotiations for the disposition of any of its holdings at Haines Mission at the present time. He now sees that we understand the situation and are aware of our rights.

What you have said in your letter of June 9th with regard to the possible developments at Rainey Hollow interests us very much.

As noted above, we have ~~given~~ given no encouragement to Mr. Rosene as to the present arrangement with him, and we certainly will do nothing definite without hearing from yourself and other friends in Alaska. You will see therefore, that the way is open for a canvassing of the matter along the line suggested in your last letter. We should hope that developments might be such in the Rainey Hollow matter that ultimately a road would seek tide water upon our property, thus making more valuable the remainder of our holdings.

We shall therefore be glad to hear from you as to the developments which may take place, either in the line of which you have written.

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or along any other line which may come to your knowledge.

Our Mr. Adams, when in Alaska last spring, spent some time at Haines, went over the property carefully, and has given us a very full report thereupon. He was approached by representatives of the Arctic Brotherhood who desired to purchase five (5) acres of ground at the far end of our property for a cemetery. In your opinion would it be wise to enter into negotiations with this Brotherhood for this purpose.

Further, what have you to suggest as to the advisability of entering upon a campaign to clear the squatters from our property and from the beach front?

Awaiting your further word, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

July 11th, 1913.

Hon. James Wickersham,

Delegate from Alaska in Congress,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

Permit me to refer once more to your letter dated June 11th last, which was in reply to our letter of June 3rd asking information with regard to our rights under our Patents from the Government to some lands owned by this Board in Alaska. Let me again thank you for your courtesy, and for the volume of Compiled Laws of Alaska forwarded.

We did not previously communicate to you information as to the particular point under consideration, but I beg now to say that a railway, styling itself the Alaska Midland Railway Company, of which John Rosene of Seattle is President, is seeking right of way through our holdings at Haines, claiming the right to twenty (20) acres for station grounds, and forty (40) acres for terminals. We are convinced that they have no grounds upon which to demand that we shall cede to them this acreage, but of course we are aware that through condemnation proceedings it would be possible for them to acquire whatever the law relating to such rights of railways, would give them. They ask, however, that we shall quote them a price upon which we would be willing to sell them these lands.

If, with the above information, you have such knowledge of the situation and of the Company in question as would enable you to give us information or advice in the premises, we shall be greatly obliged therefor.

Appreciating your offer to be of service, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

July 11th, 1913.

John Rosene, Esq.,

President Alaska Midland Railway Co.,

Pioneer Building, Seattle, Wash.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 9th of June came to hand during the absence of the undersigned on a business trip in the west, and the receipt thereof only was acknowledged by the office.

Thank you for the letter and for a clearer understanding of the position of your road. As we wrote you some time since, our Finance Committee does not feel, for the present, it is ready to enter into any active negotiations for the sale of this property. We do not understand the situation thoroughly enough to take the matter up intelligently. However, we shall be glad to entertain any suggestions which you may have to make with regard to the situation, and we will await further communication from yourself before venturing any suggestions from this end of the line.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 12, 1913.

Harvey C. Olin, Treasurer,
 The Board of Home Missions,
 156 Fifth Avenue,
 New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Olin:

I have your letters with regard to the desire of the Alaska Midland Railway Company to take sixty acres of your land at Haines for terminal purposes. Of course, they have no such right, and since you have a patent from the Government of the United States you are in a position either to sell to them for what the land is really worth or to contest anything they may do in the way of condemnation proceedings under the law.

However, I am quite satisfied that you need not fear any effort on their part to obtain your land by condemnation proceedings under the law. I am satisfied from what I know of the railway situation in Alaska that there is no immediate intention on the part of Mr. Rosene or any one else to build from Haines. I know your situation there very well and the only advice I can give you is to be comfortable and do not let the wishes of these gentlemen ~~to~~ annoy you.

Very truly yours,

James Wickersham
 Delegate from Alaska.



July 19th, 1913.

Hon. James Wickersham,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Judge Wickersham:-

We thank you for your favor of the 12th instant, in reply to our recent communication with regard to our property holdings at Haines, Alaska. Your letter gives us added assurance that our interests are safe at Haines. We appreciate your kindly attitude and help.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/s

ROYAL A. GUNNISON
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JUNEAU, ALASKA

July 21, 1913.

Dr H C Olin, Treas.,

Board of Home Missions,

156- Fifth Avenue,

New York , N.Y.

IN re

Haines Mission property.

My Dear Sir:

I have your favor of July 11th replying to my letters of May 29th and June 9th and my telegram of June 7th, and I note that you have given no encouragement to Mr Rosene with reference to the purchase of your property at Haines, and will do nothing definite without hearing from me. From present indications, I think it possible something may be done later that may be to the benefit of all concerned and will make it possible for the Board if they desire to dispose of this property to realize something therefrom.

At present the developments are so embryonic that there is nothing definite to be said about them. As soon as matters take a definite turn, and I think we shall know of this within the next few weeks, I will communicate with you.

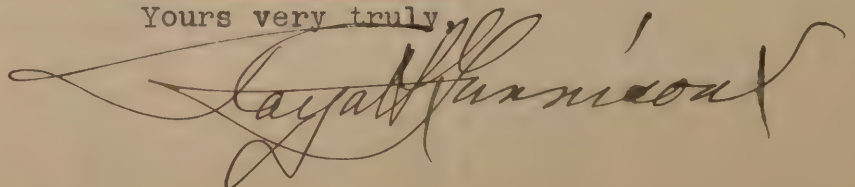
Referring to the first paragraph of your letter on page 2 thereof, I beg to say that I had the pleasure of meeting Mr Adams when he passed through Juneau and had hoped to see him again when he had been to Haines. I think it hardly advisable at this time, to make any arrangements

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with reference to the the use of the Mission property as a cemetery. It seems to me that there is plenty of other ground in the vicinity of Haines, which might be used for that purpose and which would be more valuable for that than for anything else. I do not believe it would be wise to enter into negotiations looking toward a sale of any of the Mission property for that purpose.

Referring to the matter of squatters on the Board's property at Haines, I wrote you immediately after the issuance of the patent that I thought it would be advisable to make some disposition of the squatters and Mr Adams was to see me on his return from Haines in reference to this matter, but we missed each other unfortunately. ~~Thereby~~⁰ again, as requested in one of your letters written some time since, have endeavored to obtain from Rev. McMcLean the Board's representative in charge of the Mission at Haines, a list of the squatters and a general indication as to where they were on the property. He may have given this to Mr Adams, he has never furnished me with any information / ^{in reference} to it, presumably because Mr Adams was through about that time and we expected that he would take the matter up with me. I do not think you can begin to establish your ownership there too soon.

Yours very truly,



RAG/MM

W. B. STOUT

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

HAINES ALASKA

Haines, Alaska, Aug, 1, 1913.

The Presbyterian Board of Home Missions,

New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

About the middle of February Mr. Adams of the Board of Home Missions was here , and we talked over the matter of the Arctic Brotherhood buying a piece of your ground for Cemetery purposes. Mr. Adams suggested that we have the boundary lines surveyed, that is of four acres of ground which he Mr. Adams said he would recommend the sale of to the Arctic Brotherhood for a cemetery site.

We had the tract surveyed by a Civil engineer and a description furnished Mr. Adams which would identify the premises. And which he said he would submit to the board with his recommendations and we were to be informed through your local agent Rev. A. F. McLean, but so far we have not been advised as to any action taken in the premises. We would like very much to be informed what the Board of Home Missions has decided to do in the matter

Very respectfully,

W. B. Stout

Chairman of A. B. Cemetery Asso.

August 4th, 1913.

Hon. Royal A. Gunnison,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 21st ult., in re Haines Mission property, addressed to our Mr. Olin has been received during his absence on vacation.

Upon Mr. Olin's return, the first week in September, your letter will be placed in his hands for his information and attention.

Yours very truly,

For the Treasurer.

B/H

August 13th, 1913.

W. B. Stout, Esq.,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 1st instant addressed to this Board has been received.

These matters are in the hands of our Mr. Olin who is now absent on vacation. Upon Mr. Olin's return to the office the first week in September, your letter will be placed in his hands for attention.

Yours very truly,

For the Treasurer.

B/H

September 5th, 1913.

Hon. Royal A. Gunnison,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

Upon my return from vacation I find upon my desk your letter dated July 21st, in reply to ours of July 11th. The same has already been acknowledged as to its receipt, under date of August 4th.

Now with regard to the subject matter thereof, let me say that your advice with regard to the sale of a piece of our ground for cemetery purposes to the Arctic Brotherhood, will doubtless be carried out by our Finance Committee. The Committee will also, I have no doubt, agree with you as to the importance of establishing our ownership and ejecting squatters at the earliest possible date. We have in hand the report of our Mr. Adams, of which you should have had a copy, and after the Finance Committee shall have taken formal action I will write you again conveying their wish as to procedure in the situation.

The information you give us as to possible developments affecting this property in the near future, is appreciated, and we shall be glad of further facts when anything definite develops.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

File Haines Alaska

September 12th, 1913.

Mr. W. B. Stout,
Chairman Arctic Brotherhood Cemetery Association,
Haines, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

In reply to your favor of August 1st, which arrived during my absence on vacation, and which was acknowledged as to its receipt simply, from the office, I beg now to say, this matter was before the Finance Committee of this Board at its meeting on the 10th instant and it was decided that the Board does not desire, at the present time, to dispose of any of this property ~~x~~ for the purpose mentioned.

Incommunicating this decision I beg to assure you of our regret that this matter has been so long delayed, but in considering property at such long range it has been necessary to take competent advice before giving definite answer.

Sure that you will be able to find property in some other part of the Haines district which will be just as desirable for your purpose, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

File Marine - Alaska

September 12th, 1913.

Hon. Royal A. Gunnison,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

At the regular monthly meeting of our Finance Committee on the 10th instant, your letter of July 11th was up for careful consideration. The action of the Committee was as follows:

1st. Your judgment was concurred in as to the advisability of holding any definite decision as to a possible disposal of any of the property until more definite information is in hand as to the developments which are in prospect, depending upon yourself when matters take a definite turn, to communicate with us.

2nd. The Committee voted to concur in your judgment that no part of the property should be sold to the Arctic Brotherhood for cemetery purposes.

3rd. In the matter of squatters, I was directed to ask your advice as to what should be done, and to raise the question ~~xx~~ as to whether it would be wise to lease the small properties now occupied by properly disposed people to them at nominal figures on short time leases, thus establishing our claim to those properties and still not offending the people. And, second, would it be advisable at present to proceed to the ousting of objectionable people by peaceable means if possible, otherwise by legal process.

In order that you may have before you the opinion of our Mr. Adams, I am giving you a copy of that part of his report relating

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to this property and the squatters thereupon.

We shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience, with such advice as you may be able to give us, when we shall be able to give you definite instructions as to procedure.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

(Enclosure)

O/S

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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

JUNEAU, ALASKA

Sept. 25th, 1913.

Dr. H. C. Olin, Treasr.,
Board of Home Missions,
156 5th Ave.,

New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Olin:-

I have your letter of Sept. 5th in reference to the matter of the sale of a portion of the Boards' property at Haines to the Arctic Brotherhood.

I also am acknowledging the receipt of the excerpt from your Mr. Adams report.

I shall gladly keep you advised of anything with reference to the developments at Haines which may seem to me to be of interest to you.

Yours truly,

RAG/BFB

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Royal A. Gunnison

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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW
JUNEAU, ALASKA



Oct. 11th, 1913.

Dr. H. C. Olin, Treasr.,

Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church,

56 Fifth Ave.,

New York City, N. Y.

In re: Haines Mission Trespasses.

My dear Dr. Olin:-

Replying to your favor of Sept. 12, 1913, with which you enclosed excerpt from your Mr. Adams report in reference to the Boards' property at Haines, the writer begs to say:

IN REGARD TO THE SQUATTERS, that it is advisable to protect the Boards' title and to insist upon it. It may well be that those, both native and white, who are now squatting upon the Boards' property will resist eviction and complain bitterly at being removed and will doubtless have adherents in the town of Haines who would advocate their cause. But the fact remains that sometime the Board will have to take a stand for its rights in this property and there is no time so good for that purpose as now when the Patent thereto has just been issued.

I can see no reason why any great difficulty or trouble should arise over the matter if it is properly handled. It needs to be diplomatically done but at the same time there should be no lack of firmness or determination in the assertion of the Boards' rights. The good will of a community is undoubt-

edly to be courted but if to obtain it, the Board must surrender its rights or postpone its assertion thereof, I cannot think that that sort of good will is really worth the sacrifice.

Again, the tide lands in Alaska are not held in fee as in the states and beach or tide lands in front of the Boards' property must be very carefully protected. The right thereto even of an upland holder, which is all the right the Board now has in them, is very easily acquired by any person who puts them to actual use, even when that use is adverse to the upland owner.

IN REGARD TO THE TIMBER ON THE PROPERTY: You do not ask for any suggestion on this subject, but I notice that Mr. Adams says, that an offer of \$1.00 per pile has been made, for piling standing on the Boards' property. For your information I beg to say, that for 60 and 70 foot piling, the market price in Juneau to-day is from 7 to 10 cents per lineal foot and for longer piles from 10 cents upwards per foot. That is delivered of course. But in any event, piling standing on the Boards' property at Haines is worth at least 4 or 5 cents a linear foot.

I should say that if it is desired to sell the timber for piling that you make some arrangement more advantageous to the Boards exchequer than that recommended in Mr. Adams report. Mr. Adams is not to be criticised, for it is not an easy thing to get correct information here unless one is in the direct channels of information.

In regard to the wood thieves, I should say that in justice to the people of the Mission these thieves ought to be punished.

IN REGARD TO LEASING PORTIONS OF THE TRACT: I should say that if the Board has no objection to the use of the tract by its people or others, the leasing system would be advisable as it requires the recognition of the Boards' title.

In re THE PERSONS NOW ON THE TRACT: The natives I do not know by name but do know all the whites.

My views as to Thomas Lahey, John Fairfield and James Merritt coincide with those of Mr. Adams.

As to the FIRE HOUSE and the PUBLIC SCHOOL HOUSE: I should suppose it would not be a difficult matter to have the town execute a lease for each piece at a nominal rental.

As to the building referred to in the report as the "J. B. Behrends Mercantile Company," The company to which reference is made is I believe the "B. M. Behrends Mercantile Co. Inc.," This corporation formerly carried on business at Skagway, something over two years ago, the Company sold out its stock to a concern in Port Orchard, Washington, and went out of business at Skagway. About that time a stock of merchandise was sold to a man named J. J. Kennedy, who took it to Haines and opened a store in these buildings. I understood that Mr. George C. Blanchard, then the Manager of the B. M. Behrends Mercantile Co., arranged the lease of the buildings but I had understood also that the lease was taken over from a photographer named Blankerberg. However, that may be, the B. M. Behrends Mercantile Co. Inc., went into a legally voluntary dissolution sometime after having gone out of business. Mr. B. M. Behrends, the Banker and Merchant of Juneau, one of our clients, to-day handed to me to answer, a letter

from Mr. W. B. Stout, an attorney of Haines, addressed to the old company demanding the 1913-1914 rental for the leased property or a surrender thereof. Mr. Behrends, who was one of the principal stock holders of the dissolved company directed me to advise Mr. Stout ^{as to} what was the companys' status and that the Board might consider the lease terminated and the property surrendered, I have so written Mr. Stout.

If the writer has failed to be sufficiently explicit, he will endeavor to remedy any omission if you will call them to his attention. The delay in our reply to your letter was due to the writers absence in another part of the Territory on a business trip. Trusting that the delay has not been a source of annoyance or inconvenience to either you or the Board, we beg to remain, awaiting your further instructions,

Faithfully yours,

RAG/BFB

GUNNISON & ROBERTSON
By *[Signature]*

